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Posting Abroad

3446. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government has laid down any guidelines for deputing officers on posting abroad;

(b) if so, whether these guidelines cover the posting in Indian Embassies, International Organisations like IMF, World Bank, United Nations and its agencies;

(c) whether these guidelines are strictly followed in letter and spirit; and

(d) the details of IAB officers belonging to SC/ST category selected for postings abroad during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) The Department of Personnel and Training have laid down guidelines for deputation of Indian experts on assignments abroad against the foreign posts of the Government of India, bilateral assignments to the developing countries, captive posts of the Government of India in International Organisations and international assignments of Indian experts to International Organisations. As regards postings of officers of the Ministry of External Affairs to Indian Missions abroad, they are decided on the basis of suitability in terms of relevant experience and seniority keeping in mind the principle of rotation.

(c) The guidelines are kept in view while processing the cases for foreign assignments and postings to Indian Missions abroad.

(d) The details of the IAS officers belonging to SC/ST categories selected for postings abroad during last three years is enclosed as statement.

Statement*IAS Officers belong to SC/ST Categories Selected for Postings Abroad during the last three Years*

S.No.	Name of the Officer	Designation and Organisation To Which Posted	Tenure
1.	Koppula Raju, IAS (AP:81)	Project Coordinator UNDP, Andhra Pradesh	09/96 - 08/97
2.	P.V. Ramesh Babu, IAS (AP:85)	Consultant, WHO	03/96 - 10/97
3.	Mukhtiar Singh, IAS (BH:76)	Project Coordinator, ILO	06/95 - 06/98
4.	P.K. Sivanandan, IAS (KL:72)	Local Consultant World Bank	08/96 - 03/97
5.	Ram Singh, IAS (KL:75)	UN Volunteer, Papua New Guinea	09/94 - 10/96
6.	V.K. Majotra, IAS (MP:66)	Minister (Eco and Com) and Resident Director, Indian Investment Centre, Tokyo	12/92 - 01/96
7.	T.S. Sandhu, IAS (RJ:81)	Project Director, UNICEF, Patna	07/92 - 06/97

Shifting of Government Offices

3447. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to shift some of the Central Government offices from Delhi to other cities/towns to decongest the Capital; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of Central Government Offices proposed to be shifted outside Delhi are given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement*Details to Central Government Offices proposed to be shifted outside the Capital*

S.No.	Name of Office to be shifted.
1	2
1.	Cost Guard (HQ)
2.	Research and Development Centre, Postal Deptt.
3.	Directorate of Inspection, N.I., Circle.
4.	National Crime Record Bureau, MHA.
5.	Deptt. of Light Houses and Light Ships.

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6.	Central Instt. of Research and Training in Employment Services, Ministry of Labour.
7.	Commissioner of Payment Deptt. of Industrial Development.
8.	Department of Publications.
9.	National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics.
10.	All India Soil and Land Use Survey, Deptt. of Agriculture and Cooperation.
11.	National Capital Region Planning Board.

Vacant Properties

3448. SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3780 dated March, 19, 1997 regarding vacant properties and state :

(a) the number of times the vacant/unallotted properties were put to auction during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the reasons for the vacant/unallotted commercial properties are not being rented out to the retired Government servants and to the educated unemployed youths who opt for them on nominal rent;

(c) whether poor construction, bad planning and the costly prices made DDA properties an unattractive investment in comparison to the private ones; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) As reported by DDA auction of vacant/unallotted properties have been held 168 times during the last three years, the details of which are as under :

Year	No. of Auctions Held
1994-95	85
1995-96	63
1996-97	20

(b) There is no scheme or policy for allotment of shops to retired Government servants or to educated unemployment youth.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No applicable in view of (c) above.

Shukla Commission

3449. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Shukla Commission formed for identification of the infrastructural gap in North-East Region have submitted its report;

(b) if so, the date of submission of its report and the details of the report; and

(c) the action initiated for implementation of its recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNMALA D. SAVANOOR) : (a) and (b) The High Level Commission (HLC) for the North-East, headed by Shri S.P. Shukla, Member, Planning Commission, submitted its Report to the Prime Minister on March 7, 1997.

The HLC critically examined the backlog in Basic Minimum Services and gaps in important sectors of infrastructure development, such as Power, Communications, Irrigation, Flood Control, etc., and has recommended policy initiatives and programmes to bridge these gaps and rejuvenate local economy alongwith measures for institutional reforms, additional resource mobilisation, and effecting public participation in development activities. The HLC has also estimated total cost for providing Basic Minimum Services to the North-Eastern States and indicative requirement of funds for infrastructure development in the Ninth Five-Year Plan.

(c) The recommendations of the HLC contain programmes, policy initiatives and measures which concern State Governments, Central Ministries and other agencies financed by the Central Government.

In respect of programmes which have to be implemented by State Governments, such as the Basic Minimum Services and some of infrastructural development projects, a team of the Planning Commission headed by Principal Adviser (NE) has been directed to visit each concerned State and to assess realistic requirement of funds year-wise for the Ninth Five Year Plan. The team has already visited two States and the remaining states would also be covered very shortly. Mechanism for locating funds for providing assistance to these States for this purpose is also being worked out.

With regard to the recommendations which concern the Central Ministries, meetings have been/are being held with a view to finding out to what extent these recommendations can be dovetailed in their respective Ninth Plan Programmes.